

A Narrative of Everyday Affairs

Their Married Life

Helen Gets a Further Proof of the Thoughtfulness of Warren.

NORA greeted Helen with tearful eyes as they all stood in the doorway.

"Is everything all right, Nora?" questioned Helen anxiously peering around at all the things she had missed for so long.

"Yes, Nora, was anything stolen?" said Warren scathingly. "Where is the cat?"

"Oh, yes, is Pussy Purr Mew all right, Nora?" said Helen. "Where is she?"

"In the kitchen, Ma'am, I'll get her!" "Got something good for lunch, Nora?" called Warren after her as she left the room.

Nora flushed good naturedly at Warren's bantering tone.

"Asparagus soup, some fruit salad, and strawberry shortcake," she recited glibly. "Mrs. Curtis's mother arranged things this morning early."

"How long have you been here, mother? Just think, there was so much to say that I haven't asked you before now."

"A couple of days. Don't you notice how clean everything looks? You'll better come in your room and take off your things."

Helen followed her mother into her room and gasped delightedly. The low window sill was decorated with daffodils and the sun was pouring through on them so that the room looked like a spring garden.

"Where did they come from?" she said, burying her face in their cool fragrance.

"Warren asked me to have flowers here, and I love daffodils in the spring. There's a lot of mail for you out on the table."

Helen began unpacking her little handbag and now began to take down her hair. She ran into the bathroom and talked to her mother from there.

Lesson For All Women In Grandmother-Wife Who Elope At Sixty

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

THE dangerous age for women does not seem to limit its bounds to middle life. A woman of 60 has recently eloped with a man of her own age. After having lived with her husband since 1877 and being a mother and a grandmother she discovered her real affinity and eloped with him.

It would seem that a man and a woman who had reached the age of 60 might possess the self control and the reasoning power which would enable them to avoid a course of action that must bring sorrow and humiliation upon their families. But it is impossible to judge of one's fellow beings without knowing their temperaments, their temptations and their trials.

We have all quoted frequently the advice "There's no fool like an old fool," but few of us have stopped to analyze the causes which produce old folly. A started youth frequently produces a voracious maturity. Men and women who marry young, and who are engrossed through all the years of youth and maturity with family cares, find life dull and commonplace when these cares drop away and leave them once more with time to think of other things than material necessities.

Romantic Side of Life.

The romantic side of life again presents itself, and there is a corresponding lack of balance, trouble is certain to ensue. That is, trouble is certain to ensue when a man, who, in the case, this late Indian summer of life comes to only one of the mated pair. It is more frequently the woman who, when it comes to her, has fulfilled all the duties of father and grandfather for many years, finds himself with leisure and means to enjoy life, awakens to a consciousness of heart hunger, and is surprised to discover all the romantic impulses of youth fully alive in his nature.

Meanwhile the wife, who is also mother and grandmother, has "settled down," satisfied to seek her distraction, kitchen, and then Winifred trotted back obediently to be tidied up for lunch.

Helen hurried out to the living room, and lovingly tucked all her cherished belongings. Everything was just as she had left it, and she went out into the dining room to see how near things were ready.

"It seems so strange to get back and keep house again," she said, happily. "It all seems so good to be true. I feel so happy."

"Everything is just about ready, and Helen if you want to tell Warren, Nora won't mind the group, and you can bring your mail with you and read it between courses."

Large Lot of Mail.

"I had forgotten about the mail. All right, mother, we'll be right in."

In the living room a pile of mail was lying on the table. Warren was sorting this as she came in.

"Eight letters," he said, holding them up as she came in. "And I don't know how many cards. Did you know the Stevens were in Florida?"

"No, dear, but I expected them to go south sometime this winter."

"Well, come on," said Warren, as she stopped to examine some of her mail. "That is, if lunch is ready."

"Yes, I came in to tell you," said Helen and they walked into the dining room.

"I don't feel as if I could ever be cross about anything again," said Helen, as she tucked her hair. "Why, Nora, I never knew you could make such delicious asparagus soup. Is this something new?"

"From a recipe of mine," said her mother, as Nora blushed and smiled at the praise, and then there was silence as they all ate heartily.

"I tell you, home cooking tastes different from the stuff they give you on board the ship," said Warren, as they were waiting for the salad, and then he gave a whoop of laughter and held up a card for Helen to see.

"Do you recognize the writing?" he said merrily. The writing was the fine feminine writing of the mysterious letter, and Helen laughed and blushed furiously.

She could consider it a joke now, but it had been serious enough once. Copyright 1913, International News Service.

CAPT. C. A. SLOANE GOES FROM FT. BLISS TO FT. MYER

Washington, D. C., April 25.—The following army orders have been issued:

Orders of April 2 are amended so as to direct Capt. C. A. Sloan, signal corps, upon relief at Fort Bliss, to proceed to Fort Myer for temporary duty, thence to Fort Wood, as heretofore directed.

By direction of the president, Capt. C. A. Sloan is relieved from detail in the quartermaster corps.

Capt. C. A. Sloan, 19th infantry, detailed in quartermaster corps, will proceed to St. Louis for duty.

Capt. W. B. Elliott, retired, is assigned to active duty as quartermaster, and will proceed to Fort Douglas for duty, relieving Maj. W. H. Hines, quartermaster corps. First Lieut. R. H. Hines, quartermaster corps, is relieved from duty at the military academy, West Point, and will join the regiment to which he may be assigned.

First Lieut. J. M. Kefau, Jr., retired, recruiting officer, is relieved from treatment at Fort Lawton, and will return to his proper station.

The president has approved the retirement of Capt. T. H. Hines, 19th infantry, and Capt. Martin Novak, infantry.

The president has approved the resignation of Capt. H. S. Patton, signal corps. Leaves of absence: Maj. C. H. McNeil, quartermaster corps, one month; Maj. W. H. Hines, quartermaster corps, until August 1.

Leaves of absence for four months is granted Lieut. Col. Clement A. P. Flieger, corps of engineers.

Capt. K. W. Walker, quartermaster corps, is relieved from duty as assistant to quartermaster, 2d division, Texas City, and will report to this city and report to quartermaster general of the army for assignment to duty, relieving H. H. Noble, quartermaster corps.

Capt. J. W. Hatcher, medical corps, is detailed as member of examining board at Letterman hospital, San Francisco, vice Maj. Brockel, medical corps.

First Lieut. C. L. Corbin, coast artillery corps, is relieved from assignment to 53d company, 1st division, Texas City, and will report to commanding officer, coast defenses of southern New York, for duty on his staff.

Orders of April 16 relating to First Lieut. G. F. Patton, cavalry, are revoked.

First Lieut. D. Whiting, 24th infantry, is transferred to the 30th infantry.

CHICAGO LUMBER YARDS CLOSE; 5000 ARE JOBLESS

Chicago, Ill., April 26.—Practically all of the 80 big lumber yards of Chicago ceased operations Saturday and 5000 men were added to the 125,000 already out of work as a result of the carpenters' strike. The lumbermen closed down because all building having closed, there was nothing for them to do.

The arbitration boards of the carpenters and the contractors were to meet today and attempt to arrange some method of settlement of the strike. The carpenters are striking for a raise of from 65 to 70 cents an hour.

CHINESE COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF STARVATION

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Many are starving and others are committing suicide to escape the terrors of hunger in the province of Szechuan, China, according to mail advices to the state department received from a station Baker, American consul at Chung King.

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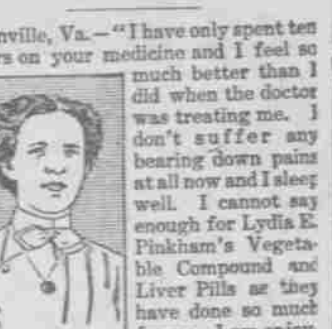
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